

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6511–S6582*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3237–3253. **Pages S6559–60**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2606, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–411)

S. 2291, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style of Government documents issued to the public. (S. Rept. No. 110–412)

S. 1499, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels. (S. Rept. No. 110–413)

S. 2844, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–414)

S. 462, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–415) **Page S6559**

#### Measures Considered:

**Foreclosure Prevention Act:** Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. **Pages S6513, S6524–33, S6335–50**

Senator Reid motion to disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives, adding a new title and inserting a new section to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6520**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives on Friday, July 11, 2008, after all post-cloture time has expired on the motion to disagree and Senate vote on the motion to disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives adding a new title and inserting a new section to the amendment of the Senate to the bill; provided further, that all time during any recess or

adjournment of the Senate count against the post-cloture time under rule XXII. **Pages S6581–82**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives, adding a new title and inserting a new section to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S6520–21**

Reid motion to concur with Amendment No. 5067, to change the enactment date, in the amendment of the House adding a new title, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives, adding a new title and inserting a new section in the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6513**

Reid Amendment No. 5068 (to Amendment No. 5067), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 5067 fell. **Page S6513**

**Tom Lantos And Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, July 11, 2008, upon disposition of the motion to disagree to the amendments of the House adding a new title and inserting a new section to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, Foreclosure Prevention Act, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; that if cloture is invoked, then all post-cloture time be deemed expired, and on that Monday, July 14, 2008, following a period of morning business, the motion to proceed be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, and Senate then begin consideration of the bill; provided further, that if cloture is not invoked, then a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked be considered to have been entered. **Pages S6549–50**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 171), Gen. David H. Petraeus U.S. Army

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By 96 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 172), Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno U.S. Army

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Hastings, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Clifford D. May, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

Joyce Lee Malcolm, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

Robert L. Paquette, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for the term expiring November 22, 2014.

Christine M. Arguello, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Philip A. Brimmer, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Gregory E. Goldberg, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

William Frederic Jung, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Mary Stenson Scriven, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009 (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. Page S6582

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—172) Pages S6521, S6534

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 p.m., until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6582.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009;

An original bill making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; and

An original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

### EPA OVERSIGHT

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), focusing on implementing the renewable fuel standard, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Steven G. Chalk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Renewable Energy; John Pierce, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Scott Faber, Grocery Manufacturers Association, Washington, D.C.; and Nathanael Greene, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York.

### TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

**Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues and options for the transportation infrastructure, focusing on current surface transportation policies and programs, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director,